

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO CITY ELECTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION. A general election for the elective officers of this city shall be held on the First Tuesday in April of each year.

a. On the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of each ward in the city for mayor, collector, marshal, and for one alderman for each ward, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two (2) years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

b. On the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years an election shall be held by the qualified voters of each ward of this city for one alderman for each ward, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. FILING OF CANDIDATES. Any person desiring to seek election for any elective office at any general city election may do so by filing his name and the office for which he seeks election with the city clerk during the filing period, which is fifteen Tuesdays before the election date to eleven Tuesdays before the election date. The clerk shall keep a permanent record of the names of the candidates, the offices for which they seek election and the date of their filing, and their names shall appear on the ballot in that order.

SECTION 3. SAME: QUALIFICATIONS CHALLENGED. Any person who is not qualified for his office as provided by state law or other ordinances shall not be entitled to have his name printed on the ballot. Qualifications of a candidate for office shall be determined by the Board of Aldermen upon a hearing given, and upon its own motion, or upon written affidavit by some person that a named candidate is not qualified as such for the office sought.

SECTION 4. CONFORMANCE OF CITY ELECTIONS WITH STATE LAW. All city elections shall be conducted and held in conformance with the provisions of the state election laws.

SECTION 5. CONDUCT OF ELECTION BY COUNTY CLERK. The county clerk, as the designated election authority shall conduct city elections.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION. The city clerk shall notify the county clerk prior to 5:00 p.m on the tenth (10) Tuesday prior to any city election of the forthcoming city election. The notice shall be in writing and specify that the city is calling the election, the purpose of the election, the date of the election, and it shall include a certified copy of the legal notice to be published and the sample ballot.

SECTION 7. VOTERS, QUALIFICATIONS. All residents of the city who are qualified and timely and properly registered voters in accordance with state law shall be entitled to vote at city elections. In order to vote at any city election a person must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fourth (4th) Wednesday prior to the election.

SECTION 8. DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AND JUDGES: ELECTION COSTS. The election authority shall designate the polling places in all city elections. The election authority shall appoint all election judges. The city shall pay the election costs required by the election authority who is conducting the election.

SECTION 9. CITY POLICE OFFICERS, ASSISTANCE. It shall be the duty of the city police officers to give any assistance or protection required by the election authority, any employee of the election authority, or any election judge, and to comply with all lawful requests and directions of the election authority relating to such assistance.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL ELECTION DATES. Authorized dates for special city elections are the first Tuesday after the First Monday in February, March, August and November of each year.

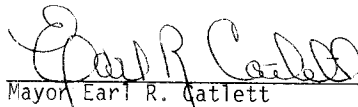
SECTION 11. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS. As soon as practicable after each city election, the election authority shall convene a verification board to verify the count and certify the results of the election. Not later than the Second Tuesday after the election, the verification board shall issue a statement announcing the results of each election and certify the returns to the city clerk. The city clerk shall issue to each person elected a certification of election.

SECTION 12. ELECTION ORDINANCE. Prior to each city election the Board of Aldermen shall timely pass an election ordinance authorizing, establishing and providing the election procedure to be followed in the conduct of the city election.

SECTION 13. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

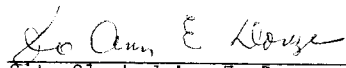
SECTION 14. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 16th day of September, 1996.



Mayor Earl R. Gatliff

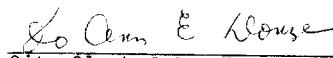
ATTEST:



City Clerk JoAnn E. Donze

Alderman	aye	nay	abstain	absent
Robert Bequette	X			
Roger Odem	X			
Robert Schultz	X			
Stephen Schwent	X			

I, JoAnn E. Donze, Clerk of the City of St. Mary, Missouri do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Mary, Missouri at a regular meeting thereof assembled this the 16th day of September, 1996.



City Clerk JoAnn E. Donze